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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON US-JAPAN BILATERAL STEEL CONSULTATIONS

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1. JULY 14 NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN REPORTED MITI'S INTENT TO
PROPOSE PERIODIC BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON STEEL ISSUES
DURING TALKS BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPANESE DELEGATIONS TO THE
OECD AD HOC STEEL GROUP, JULY 20-21. ACCORDING TO THE
ARTICLE, GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT TALKS WILL BE MADE NECE-
SSARY BY INCREASED PRESSURE FROM INDUSTRY/LABOR INTERESTS
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IN BOTH COUNTRIES WHICH FAVOR THE CONCLUSION OF AN OMA
ON JAPAN'S STEEL EXPORTS (DETAILS OF THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS
BETWEEN U.S. LABOR REPS. AND JAPANESE STEEL INDUSTRY/UNION
OFFICIALS ARE BEING SENT SEPTTEL).

2. THE NIKKEI REPORT ALSO SAID THAT MITI VIEWS THESE
CONSULTATIONS AS BEING SIMILAR TO THOSE PRESENTLY HELD

BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE ECSC. THE USG WAS DESCRIBED AS PREVIOUSLY SAYING THAT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WERE UNNECESSARY BECAUSE OF PENDING MULTILATERAL TALKS IN THE OECD; HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF U.S. INDUSTRY PRESSURE, THE USG WILL PROBABLY AGREE TO HOLD BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS THAT COULD VERY LIKELY TURN INTO NEGOTIATIONS.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE ALREADY NOTED MITI'S DESIRE FOR A BILATERAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM TO RESPOND TO JAPANESE INDUSTRY PRESSURE AND AVOID AN OMA (REFTEL B). WE ALSO EXPRESSED TO THE GOJ OUR WILLINGNESS TO MEET ON AN INFORMAL BASIS AS INDICATED IN REFTEL A. THE NIHON KEIZAI ARTICLE IS CLEARLY REFLECTIVE OF A JAPANESE INDUSTRY CAMPAIGN TO PUSH FOR USG-GOJ NEGOTIATIONS, AND WE EXPECT THE GOJ OECD GROUP DELEGATION TO PRESS MORE VIGOROUSLY FOR A CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM, IF ONLY TO HOLD OFF PRESSURE FOR MORE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS.
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